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In re Application of
Yoshiaki Shuto
Application No. 09/210,892
Filed: December 16, 1998
For: CONSTRUCTION OF SYSTEM
UTILIZING INFORMATION STORED
IN SOLUTION BANK

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DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW THE
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
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This is in reply to applicant's Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181(a) filed January 10, 2003. The delay in treating this petition is sincerely regretted.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the application file reveals that a Notice of Abandonment mailed December 16, 2002, specified that the application had become abandoned because of applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on November 23, 2001. Applicant provides evidence of timely filing a response. However, such evidence is unnecessary since a further review of the file reveals that a timely filed response dated February 22, 2002 was present in the application and thus the abandonment was clearly improper.

The Office apologizes for the erroneous Notice of Abandonment.

The application will be forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner to withdraw the abandonment and restore the application to pending status, before being returned to the examiner for reconsideration.

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